COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the— *16th of February 1933.*
5th of Kumbham 1108.

The House met at half-past eleven of the Clock with the President in the chair. Messrs. K. Mohamed Seethi, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan and Mrs. Swaris were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Causes of ailments among school children.

271. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Adverting to paragraph 166 of the Report on the Educational Survey, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have traced any casual connection between ailments like Malaria and Hookworm among our school children and "the nature of our school buildings and the general scarcity of school furniture".

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The Report is still under the consideration of Government.

Abolition of proposed reductions in the grants-in-aid to schools under the Educational Survey Report.

272. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Adverting to the statement in paragraph 179 of the Report on the Educational Survey, that the "abolition of some of the schools.....and private educational agencies", will the Government be pleased to state whether the relations between the Education Department and private educational agencies could not be permanently placed on a friendly basis without the reductions in the grants-in-aid, proposed by the Director in the Survey Report?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The report is still under consideration and it is not possible to answer the question at present.

Amounts advanced to ryots as loans.

273. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what amount has so far been advanced to ryots in the shape of Government loans to allay their lot;

(b) what check has been maintained by the authorities to see that the loans so advanced have been utilised for the *bona fide* purpose?

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